# How Do You Spell Tenleytown? It Has All the Citizens Puzzled Say Reporter Tiller

Even Old Inhabitants Fail to Agree on Correct Orthography.

### BIGGEST GRIEVANCE OF TENLEYTOWNITES

Spelling on Tombstones Depends Usually on Death-Bed Requests.

## By THEODORE TILLER.

UST AS soon as a youngster passer the milk-bottle stage, he draws his fond parent aside and asks a few pertinent questions. If he's a real bright lad, with an ambition to become a politician some day he first tries to learn his name and how to spell it. Then, inasmuch as a politician must be born somewhere, or everywhere, he pro ceeds to that important detail, ascertaining from whence he came and how to spell it.

If you were to see that same lad forty years later and he didn't know how to spell the name of his own town 'twould be an awful jolt to you. Yet ! ran into a whole covey of fellows out Tenleytown way the other day, who didn't know how to spell the place never had, never will, and never expect to. Wherefore, I started an investigation.

I ran up on several old residents who had been there ever since they were born, which was all I could expect of them, who confided to me that the same distressing state of affairs existed in the old days. Whenever teacher would find a real scholarly lad, who had a nickname for every word in the Blue Back Speller, and mowed down the other fellows at the spelling bee each Friday, teacher would always end the agony by saying: "Now spell Tenley-town, Willie." Then Willia made five stabs and took his seat with the rest of

### HOW IT IS SPELLED.

I didn't have time to get acquainted with all the different ways of spelling this village, but was formally intro duced to the following:

Tenlytown. Tenleytown Tenalytown.

Tennalytown. Tennallytown.

confabs, petitions, official rulings, mass oldest residents, with a view to deciding The old fellows spoke house, sooner or later, and that, apt as not, some young fellow would carve Tenleytown on the tombstone in a manner altogether different from what the departed had been accustomed to in

most eloquently by J. J. O'Day, leading merchant, the street car tracks occupy the greater portion of the street.

At the time this was pointed out to us, the Spanish style of architecture, with overhanging gardens of avoirdupois, disoverhanging garden most eloquently by J. J. O'Day, leading merchant, the street car tracks oclose to the street c in front of an oncoming car and per- Especially around the equator does rance examiner not long since. Like sisted in walking placidly up the track, Mr. Duvall emualte a certain Presi-

most there and yet isn't, causes much ratives of Australia, would be utterly concern and loose verblage out Tenley-town way. It seems half the town has sewer facilities, while the other half throws the dish water out the back he could have as good time getting rid meetings and various other devices have throws the dish water out the back he could ha been tried. I was to understand by the built, at a cost of some \$85,000, to within ing it, he would immediately begin taka mere block or so of Chesapeake street. ing anti-fat. plaintively as they were made to realize that the undertaker would call at their know why the sewer doesn't proceed on know why the sewer doesn't proceed on its way up Chesapeake, so that all real estate along that section may be advertised with "all modern improvements."

OUT, AND "BEAT" IT ... AS JOHN HENRY "HARRY WILL TELL

SOUTH CAROLINA MEET WHEN IN TENLEYTOWN.

rather as a pilot, you know. Afterward the conductor told me if he hadn't been a member of the Society for the Prevention of Bruises on Animals he would certainly have bumped her cowship. However, this illustrates Mr. O'Day's face conversation. The ancient custom of rubbing roses as a means of greeting. In yogue more or less between the series of this:

"Your age, please?"

Answer—"Fifty years."

"Your mother's age when at a certain distance during a face-to-face conversation. The ancient custom of rubbing roses as a means of greeting, in yogue more or less between the series of this:

"Your age, please?"

Answer—"Not dead yet."

"BOB" BURROWS, GENERAL CONTRACTOR.
WHO MAKES A SPECIALTY OF BLASTING BLUFFS JOHN HENRY SAYS.

THE TIMES' SUB-MARINE AIR-SHIP

Incidentally the colonel is one of th had to pay the Rockville and George SEWERS, NOT EXPLANATIONS. town Turnpike Company in order

Only last Friday night the Citizens' pass through a toll gate which guarde As everybody in Tenleytown has a favorite way of spelling the name, it should be a well-recognized theory that all death-bed requests, as to how the epitaph shall read, must be faithfully observed.

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"Bob" Burrows, fifty years on the job as contractor, explained to me that the sewers, not explanation. was an undercurrent of feeling that as contractor, explained to me that the Mr. Burrows says the late Governor

A SPELLING-BEE WAS HELD RECENTLY, AT WHICH MR.LEE, THE POPULAR LAUNDRYMAN, WON.

AYS BUSINESS IS DULL

long as his breath held out.

Mr. Duvall is a gentleman built along come down to the drug store every sign like this over it:

Referring to "ye eige Irving Road hall: House." This historic place now has a ness,"

Answer-"Fifty years."
"Your mother's age when she died?" "Your grandmother's age when she

DISCUSSION
ATTHE HEXT
MEETING OF THE YOUNG
LADIES' CURRENT TOPSCS
CLUB WILL BE "DOCTOR
RAY IS A BACHELOR-WHY?"
A FULL ATTENDANCE IS
LOOMED FOR.

Mr. Burrows' oldest ancestor was them

will be put out by force. By order of town police. Dr. A. M. Ray is the prize bachelor He had seen almost all the letters in the official barber, and they think so much ut Tenleytown way. He tried alphabet utilized during his time. hard to throw us off the scent, but his, Howard Riley, his son, is one of the he wishes. The District closing law,

PROFITS "IS THE SECRET OF COMMERCIAL SUCCESS,

SAYS GROCER O'DAY.

alleged friends exposed the "doc" and town's most ardent swains. The en-his record. From them I learned that vious ones emit loud cries of "Oh, you Yong Lee, a sunny celestial, does celdoc might get married, if he'd devote million-dollar Beau Brummel" most jars and cuffs. It's either patronize his attentions to only one. As it is, he frequently. flits about from parlor to parlor and Pining be never lights permanently anywhere, that required but little exertion, I found only after much argument. He was the Citizens' Association gets every- Uncie W. B. Dobbins, aged eighty-five confident at first that he was being

Easley, for nineteen years a fixture, away as soon as he could, it seems. toils, one Ethiopian by the name of SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

Improved the place just as it might have, if the Capitol Grounds were in that vicinity.

The main street hasn't a sidewalk part of the way, and, as pointed out most eloquently by J. J. O'Day, lead-one most eloquently by J. J. O'Day, lead-one most eloquently by J. J. O'Day, lead-one ments was not of the first village celebrities discovered. It have referred to find a unit of the first village celebrities discovered. It have referred to find the way most of the time, but that's another story, for he doesn't look a bit hungry.

Bob's friends tease him a little for the Tenleytown station. Some white ribboner. Yes, tobactory and having to carry a lantern to find the way most of the time, but that's another story, for he doesn't look a bit hungry.

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## INSINUATIONS DENIED.

Ackterkirchen's name is a nightmare to on the Tenleytown police force, was there are many things the Citizens' seen from the car windows. These citi-sweeping his front porch, when we de-Association hasn't secured, among them zens could improve the whole place if any bibulous person who strolls out that way and sees a sign like that con- seended upon him. We had heard that that widened street and sidewalk. Tenleytown was a great cock-fighting mecca in the olden days. Mr. Eli re- A "GUESSING" DRUGGIST. make a man feel dizzy if there weren't other reasons for doing so. There is a standing offer of \$25 for anybody that can take four highballs and then pro-enty-pine years. Twas a base canard with all within the bar we were confronted and official decision how to spell with a first position. A "GUESSING" DRUGGIST.

After all, the town is pretty well balanced, and if they get a few sewers, widened streets, a better school building, a real police station instead of a sub, and an official decision how to spell

with another dazzler in sign language. there had been cock-fighting, he guessed he would have heard about it.

MR RILEY
CAN BE COUNTED
ON TO "CHIP IN"
ON ALL SOCIAL
OCCASIONS

age is not allowed in this place. If in the woods toward Mt. Pleasant, he the proprietor doubts anybody's age and if he don't go out peacefully, he steered away from the valiant Tenley-

Mr. Riley didn't know how to spell the town's name and never had, exactly. leytown.

THE SECRET 15 OUT! THIS IS

HHERE DOC. RAY'S

except perhaps-wives for lonely mem- years with the Water Department and tra Meandering on up the street, I came voir. He's been in the District since '47, LOSS IS THREATENED. o the police substation, Serg. William coming over from Baltimore. He got C. C. Lancaster is president of the

epitaph shall read, must be faithfully observed.

BUT ONE OF MANY.

However, this little domestic spelling trouble is but one of the grievances have. Tenleytownites have. It seems the foundations and Congress haven't improved the place just as it might have a good time when he was a young-swers, not explanations, were wanted. As to other divers grievances that beset the Tenleytownite, the reader is invited to peruse the manner in which they are delicately mentioned in the various interviews I had with leading citizens.

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years. He handles anything from a box of axle grease and ax handles to bor- on letter heads reading "Tenleytown," ated talcum powder, and sells it. He which I have accepted as the official spells it the shortest way-T-e-n-i-y, spelling for the time being. Life's too short for the extra n's and I's. Eil Riley, retired, thirty-two years he observes. He also observes that near-residents whose estates may be

'Wm. Ackterkitchen" Now Over "Ye Old Irving, Road House."

### **OLD-TIMER TELLS** SECRET OF OLD AGE

Lack of Long Promised Sewers Is Real Grouch of Citizens.

quite an influx of colored drug hunters know how to ask for it. The doctor has to be a good guesser. While I waited a bit of a dusky tot came in gave her stramonium, an asthma rem-"Smellness castor oil" Windy's snoozin' syrup," are daily requests. Recently a customer return 'pous' plaster because he found it had

John Henry Harry, aged seventy-five, mounted police officer for some fifteen years, is another old resident. Mr. Harry is full of stories, and derives much pleasure in worrying the youngsters by offering to bet a large sum that he can break a stone with his fist. There are none so bold as to take him up, for, although they doubt his ability, he has way of making good which is most innoying when a bet is on.

### THE REAL GRIEVANCE.

'Twas his son, John B. Harry, leading grocer, who told me of the lack of sewhome, which is as perfect as a sewer-less house can be. Mr. Harry and his neighbors have also been fighting for a road from Chesapeake street to the car line. It was promised them, they claim, if the land was donated. The land The land fenced off his lots, hitherto used for would surely be built,

The District authorities chain gang is willing, so is Tenleytown ry fenced off his land, the populace

Pining because he'd been given a job I persuaded Lee to give us his signature thing it wants, mostly, says the doctor, next St. Patrick's Day, thirty-three signed up for a year's advertising con-

hooves him to speak at great length and demand reforms. Could any public thing like that. Jim was importuning secret of long life. There was no par- is secretary of the association and stays the "searg" to lend him \$10 to get out ticular secret, he said. He used to off weight about ten pounds by reason with. "Jes' as a pussonal favor, you have a good time when he was a young- of having to record everything Mr. Lan-

sold out while the other fellow was in

If he goes, it will be hard to find a man who can protest as often, as eloquentiy and as effectively as Mr. Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster's protests come

Tenleytown points with pride to two they had a mind to. I refer to John R.

Within the bar we were confronted put out by a rival village, he opined. If the heavy Tenleytown mail, I noticed that name, the town will be all right.

# SEVEN KINGS PLAN M. COQUELIN, LONG

## Gay French City Will Be- Famous French Comedian American Aviator Has No Australian Inventor Hopes come Mecca for Many European Rulers.

PARIS, Oct. 3.-The people of Paris, who, as all good republicans, love Kings, are to bask in the rays of royal sunlight during the next six months

# Loses Senses for a Time. May Return to Stage.

PARIS, Oct. 3 .- M. Coquelin, jr., the

Kings, are to bask in the rays of royal sunlight during the next six months for no less than seven real Kings and one Emperor have announced that they are coming to visit the gayest city in the world.

King Haakon of Norway, accompanied by his beautiful consort, Queen Mand, will be the first, and as he is one of the modern Kings who does not consider a visit to Paris complete without looking in—in strictest incognito, of course—at Maxim's and Hall Tabarin, Parislans, will even have a chance to shake his royal hand.

He will be followed by the more sedate rulers of Denmark and Sweden, who about all the first shall be to grow. He will be followed by the more sedate rulers of Denmark and Sweden, who about out, who about out, they come only to return the visit of President Fallieres. Later on comes the business man and the monarch, and who is popular here.

As wellowed to be air, Mr. Wright and M. Delagrange as an additional interest from the recently made, M. Lazare Weiller is prepared to pay the sum of \$100,000 to any the sum of \$100

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Fear of French Aviators.

PARIS, Oct. 3.-The exciting struggle LONDON, Oct. 3.-To travel from

# MAY CROSS SEA IN THREE DAYS

"Wm. Ackterkirchen, Bar and Res-

It must be admitted that Proprietor

taurant.

to Make Record With New Engine.

famous actor, who has been very sick since February last, is now said to be the air, Mr. Wright and M. Delagrange, will be possible as soon as a-new steam



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